## **Union Square Civic Advisory Committee & LOCUS Strategy Leaders**

# 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Tuesday February 16, 2016 Argenziano School, 290 Washington St. Union Square Somerville

#### **Meeting Hosted by USq CAC**

#### **Ongoing Discussion and Agenda Led by LOCUS**

The Union Square Strategy Leaders, the Union Square Civic Advisory Committee and members of the public will meet to review recommendations by the 6 Community Benefits Working Groups (Economic Development, Housing, Green and Open Space, Parking/Transportation, Civic Space/Library and Smart City Infrastructure) formed as a result of the last LOCUS meetings in January.

Each working group will be asked to present for 5 minutes on the strategies, action items, implementation organization and initial financial resource needs for their topics. The groups will then hold a 10 minute question and answer session for meeting attendees. The meeting will also include a presentation by the place management/governance working group. This presentation is an opportunity for the place management/governance working group to present thoughts on general framework. This working group will provide further updates as work continues.

## **Meeting Agenda**

#### **6:30 CAC Public Comments / Updates**

\*\* Because this is a joint meeting of CAC and LOCUS and of the large amount of topics to be covered at this meeting, the meeting will start immediately at 6:30pm.

#### 6:40 LOCUS - Brief Welcome and Group Presentation

- 6:45 Economic Development Working Group Presentation
- 7:00 Housing Working Group Presentation
- 7:15 Green and Open Space Working Group Presentation
- 7:30 Parking/Transportation Working Group Presentation
- 7:45 Civic Space/Library Working Group Presentation
- 8:00 Smart City Infrastructure Working Group Presentation
- 8:15 Place Management/Governance Working Group Presentation

# 8:30 Adjourn

#### **How to Get Involved**

Each working group is made up of Strategy Leaders, CAC members and members of the public. Anyone who is interested is invited to participate in the working group meetings to contribute their feedback on the strategies, action items and implementation measures needed to execute the strategies. Each working group has Strategy Leader(s) who have agreed to serve as lead organizer(s) of the working group meetings. More information about the LOCUS process, working group discussions, the members of the working groups with contact information, and the meeting schedules can be found at: <a href="https://www.UnionSquareFutures.org">www.UnionSquareFutures.org</a>.

#### **Working Group Deliverables**

By February 22<sup>nd</sup> each working group is asked to submit a report on their work which includes, at a minimum, a *ranked* list of actions that the group feels should be taken to help execute their outlined public benefit strategies/goals. The ranking is important to consider because certain actions are likely to be critical path issues to accomplishing later goals or should be established early in the process to allow a comprehensive approach to tackling an issue rather than a case-by-case approach. Each action item should also be accompanied by an articulation of the appropriate implementation organization whether it be a city department, existing or proposed regulatory frameworks (zoning, etc.), an already established community organization, a development entity or a place management organization. Working groups should also be prepared to discuss their initial financial resource needs and sources thinking and how sustainability is ingrained into the subgroup priorities. We appreciate that these efforts will continue to evolve and to improve over successive months. But we need to develop as much clarity as possible in the shorter term too.